

Bachechi Open Space Project Update – July 2009

Master plan adjustments and site and multipurpose/educational building programming have been finalized. Detailed design work will continue from July through the end of 2009 so that the project can be advertised for construction bids in early 2010.

- Demolition of house and garage and removal of debris was completed in early June.
- The site master plan and program has been finalized. See revised graphic at www.bernco.gov/openspace . The major elements include:
 1. **A modified storm drain pond and parking lot expansion at the Alameda entrance.** Further discussions with NMDOT and City of Albuquerque Open Space are occurring on the extent of these changes relative to community wishes, project budget, and the need to create dedicated equestrian parking east of the existing pond. A detailed design has not yet been confirmed. The community will be kept apprised of the progress of these discussions.
 2. **A phase 1 multipurpose/educational building of 1,980 square feet is programmed to be located northwest of the former Bachechi home site.** A large multipurpose room that can accommodate approximately 40 users, restrooms, mechanical/electrical room, viewing deck toward the pond to the northwest and agricultural fields to the southwest is programmed. The building also will be as energy efficient as possible (natural light, solar energy) so that it, too, can be an interpretative and educational element of the site. An outdoor classroom and the Bachechi Family Memorial will also be situated near the multipurpose/educational building. Parking for this building will be accessible off Rio Grande, but will only be selectively used for accessibility needs. General public parking will be at the Alameda Open Space parking lot, which is approximately 400 feet north of this building, and will also be improved (see #1 above). A trail and boardwalk will connect the northern parking lot to the multipurpose/educational building.
 3. A hierarchy of at **least six types of non-motorized trails** with different widths and surfacing throughout the site. Exact widths and surfacing materials will be finalized during successive design stages.
 4. **Enhanced perimeter landscape buffering** along the western, southern, and eastern edges of the site.
- Contract amendment for Sites-Southwest to continue all aspects of construction plan design was approved in late June.
- Rose transplant has succeeded as evidenced by blooming roses in their temporary pecan orchard resting spot.
- Architect Sam Sterling is meeting with the Bachechi family about design considerations for Bachechi Family Memorial.
- Updating immediate neighbors of Rio Grande Estates Neighborhood Association (RGENA) and the Alameda/North Valley Alliance (ANVA) continues to occur.

- Pecan trees affected by bagworm in 2008 appear to have survived and are in full bloom as of spring 2009.
- Groundwater monitoring well samples continue to be taken by NMED.
- Identification of trees to keep on site, particularly in former nursery area, will continue through summer 2009.

Please contact Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department Planning Manager Clay Campbell at 314-0400 or at ccampbell@bernco.gov if you have any questions.

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